

# **Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Blotter: June 11-17**

*Reminder for the week: Anglers need fishing license, FIN Number*

**DOVER** – To achieve public compliance with laws and regulations through education and enforcement actions that help conserve Delaware's fish and wildlife resources and ensure safe boating and public safety, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers between June 11-17 made 2,827 contacts with anglers, boaters, and the general public, issuing 50 citations. Officers responded to 74 complaints regarding possible violations of laws and regulations or requests to assist the public. An increased Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police presence continued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area and Michael N. Castle Trail.

## **Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police in the Community**

- On June 16, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers discussed the role of Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers and answered hunting, fishing, and boating questions during the annual Lowe's Safety Day near Lewes.

## **Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Actions**

Citations issued by category, with the number of charges in parentheses, included:

**Fisheries Conservation:** Unlicensed fishing (6), no F.I.N. (3),

possession of undersized oysters (1), possession of sponge crabs (1), possession of undersized blue crab (7), possession of flounder parts (1), no oyster harvester license (1), crab pot tampering (1), possession of undersized white perch (1), and possession of undersized summer flounder (1).

**Boating and Boating Safety:** No boating safety certificate (4), negligent operation of a motor vessel (1), operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol (1), no life jacket on a child age 12 or younger as required by law (2), and operating a vessel with insufficient number of life jackets (2).

**Public Safety:** Possession of marijuana (3) and littering (1).

**Other:** Trespassing after hours on a state wildlife area (4)\*, operating an unregistered motor vehicle on a state wildlife area (1)\*, unattended vehicle in a wildlife area (2), parking violation (5), and passing in a no passing zone (1).

*\*Includes citation(s) issued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area.*

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes and thanks the majority of anglers, hunters and boaters who comply with and support Delaware's fishing, hunting and boating laws and regulations. Citizens are encouraged to report fish, wildlife and boating violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police by calling 302-739-4580. Wildlife violations may also be reported anonymously to Operation Game Theft by calling 800-292-3030 or online at <http://de.gov/ogt>.

### ***Are you AWARE?***

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police remind recreational anglers that a Delaware fishing license is required for fishing, crabbing, and clamming in both tidal and non-tidal waters statewide.

A resident annual Delaware recreational fishing license, which

covers fresh and tidal waters as well as crabbing and clamming, costs \$8.50 for ages 16 through 64. Persons under the age of 16 and residents age 65 and older are not required to purchase fishing licenses in Delaware. For non-resident anglers age 16 and older, a Delaware fishing license costs \$20.

Both resident and non-resident anglers age 16 and older also are required to obtain a Delaware Fisherman Information Network (FIN) number. The free number is included as part of a Delaware fishing license purchase. License-exempt anglers, including Delaware residents 65 and older, may visit [www.delaware-fin.com](http://www.delaware-fin.com) or call 800-432-9228 toll-free to obtain their free FIN number.

Delaware fishing licenses are sold online, at the licensing office in DNREC's Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and by license agents statewide. To find a participating agent, or to purchase a license online, visit [Delaware Licenses](#). For additional information, call 302-739-9918.

For more information on fishing in Delaware, click on [2018 Delaware Fishing Guide](#). The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk, and from license agents throughout the state.

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